

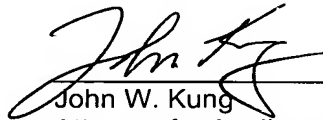
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9-12, 17, and 19-23 be entered to better conform the claims to US practice. The original claims had been submitted as Chapter II amendments on October 7, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that amendments do not introduce any new subject matter.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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